

# Add Better Business Service to Chamber

Formation of a better business section of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was announced yesterday by President R. I. Plomert Jr.

Saying that the growth of Torrance as evidenced by the recent special census emphasized source for solicitors and merchandise, Plomert announced that the new Chamber service was being inaugurated with the cooperation of Torrance merchants.

"The many new home tracts springing up in the Torrance area are a gold mine for all types of solicitors and agents selling anything from venetian blinds to landscape gardening," the C of C president said.

He said that the better business clearance department was being added to the many functions performed by the local Chamber of Commerce for the protection of the property owners and residents of the city.

"Residents should contact the Chamber offices before signing up for any product or service promoted by out-

# Kettler Kapers

By Virginia Jones, Lom. 1256-J and Teo Cunningham, Lom. 232

Spring is the time for romance but it is not confined to the "youngsters." Quite the contrary, I have found out, especially in the case of the Tom McDonalds, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday.

They were honored at an open house at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Chief and Mrs. A. H. Kaelin, 1703 Schilling Dr. In chatting with Mrs. McDonald, she said that they were still very much in love, and that the past 50 years have gone so fast that it doesn't seem that long. They are truly an inspiration to the young folks of today, for though they have had their ups and downs, as all married couples have, they still enjoy life and one another.

"We still laugh a lot together," and that, in itself, a magic key to the happiness these two share. Being a romanticist at heart, I asked how they had met. "Oh, we lived next door to one another, so grew up together. Guess that is why it seems that we have always been married." Then I asked how they had done it, and her side of it was (with a twinkle in her eye) that she let him think that he was boss, but all the while she was. They have three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Golden congratulations for a golden occasion!

Perhaps getting inspiration from the McDonalds will be the newly-wedded Dianna and Raymond Preitman, who were married Sunday, April 6, in the Western Ave. Baptist Church. Dianna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weber, 2074 Middlebrook Rd. They had originally planned a fall wedding but decided against it in favor of the spring one. They are making their home on Caballo St. Raymond is employed at Douglas Aircraft and is unable to leave now, so their honeymoon will be delayed. Best wishes, kids, and lots of happiness!

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington of Challis, Idaho, is now visiting other relatives in California following a very pleasant stay of a week as the houseguest of Mrs. Irma Harrington of Kathy Way.

We can't quite forget Easter so quickly, can we? With this in mind, how about the Walt Schaefer's full Easter week-end? Mrs. Schaefer's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. LaFleur, who are originally from Vancouver, Canada, and now reside in San Francisco, were guests at the Schaefer's home for that particular week-end. The LaFleurs' children, Teryl, Ronald and Jeanine, accompanied them. On the Friday evening previous to Easter they were all guests of Rita and Harry Holden for dinner. Easter morning they all journeyed to the home of Mr. J. A. Bourget of San Pedro for a family "brunch" and later in the day they were guests at the home of Rose's great-uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bourget of Glendale, for a huge family dinner. Busy that week-end, I should say.

Ill luck seems always to fall on a certain few families! Remember not so long ago when Al Devenish of Middlebrook Rd. was operated on for an emergency appendectomy? Then there was his son, Joel, who could also say: "Oh, my operation!" Now it's Mrs. Devenish, or "Jo" to her friends, who broke her kneecap on an open car door last week. She's hobbling round and naturally has to take it easy . . . so our best wishes

go to her this week. Happy birthday to you! That's the song sung to David Huffman of Huber St. last Friday when he reached the ripe old age of two years' and celebrated with a party. Mommy Jannie, of course, handed the work end of it so that guests Georgie and Marilyn Wilz, Jannie Rideout, Gwen Carlson, Georgie and Richie Moore, Dianne DeWiet, Howard Graybill, Paul Huffman, Duane Lyons, Pamela Hoy, Trudy and Beverly Gresham had an exciting time. With a cowboy and Indian theme, and balloons and whistles for favors, how could it be anything but exciting to the small fry? When I talked to Jannie, she was afraid that the sun wasn't going to come out—so she could take home movies, but it did for a while and I do hope that it was long enough. I'm sure that daddy, I/Sgt. Hershell Huffman, who being stationed at March Field in Riverside, was unable to be there, will enjoy seeing them.

Last week when we mentioned that the Walsbergs had picnicked at Griffith Park, we didn't know that they were at the zoo. In fact, they had just left the cage of Dick, the chimpanzee, when he got loose. For a while it was near panic—all sorts of things were reported to have gotten out, from lions to snakes. At any rate, there was lots of excitement and it's a day the Walsbergs won't forget for some time, and an experience that the girls, Midge and Ingrid, can tell their children about when they take them to the zoo.

Are you saving your papers? If you aren't, you'd better start right now, for there are two paper drives coming up in May. Torrance Elementary and Nativity Catholic School are both going to have them, and in both cases the money goes to worthy cause, so here's a chance to help either or both painlessly and yourself, too. The string to tie your bundles with can be obtained from the schools, and if you want some I'm sure that by contacting your correspondents we'll see that you get some.

Welcome home to ex-Cpl. Henri (Hank to his friends) Fortay of Reynosa Dr. It's a little late, as Hank got out of the Marines almost three months ago when his daughter Sheryl Lynn was born, but it's none the less sincere. Wife Delores thinks it's nice that Hank has a man around to have them, and in fact, Hank served with the Marines 18 months and was in North Carolina first, then Camp Pendleton. Last week-end his buddy, Sgt. Gerald Flannigan, was discharged, so before he, his wife and their 6-week-old daughter left for their home in New York, they spent the week-end with Hank and Delores. The Fortays are the daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Alma Fees of the Reynosa Dr. address.

By the way, folks, we have a deadline to meet, too, so if you have any news for us, and we hope you do, we'd sure appreciate it if you got it in by noon on Monday. Otherwise it will have to wait until next week. Also starting next week, Teo is going to try her wings at this job, and Jinny will only stand for moral support and to lend a helping hand if Teo gets into trouble, so call Teo at Lomita 232-J.

We sure hope that you folks have made arrangements for Here's something we mothers are looking for . . . a luncheon that the Torrance Elementary PTA is sponsoring next Wednesday, April 30, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave. This project is to raise funds for our PTA and we believe that all will enjoy this event. You are urged to make reservations now by telephoning Torrance 1898-J as the lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1 p. m. Let's all go, huh?

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# Asks for Queen; Queen Answers; Dutch Lady Says

With less strain than it takes to get a wrong number, a Torrance resident this week picked up the phone, dialed a number and said:

"I would like to speak to Queen Justina, please."

As simple as that, Mrs. Addis Thomas, 22401 Ocean Ave, whose maiden name of Quandt is as Dutch as a wooden shoe, phoned the Queen of the Netherlands in Los Angeles to extend an invitation to visit Torrance.

The visiting monarch expressed her appreciation for the invitation and told Mrs. Thomas: "We are having a grand time and I just wished there were time in our schedule for a visit to your town. Will you give the residents of Torrance the kindest regards from myself and my husband, Prince Bernhard."

The queen left soon after the conversation to visit a Dutch colony near Artesia and to inspect their modern dairy operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baume. Mrs. Thomas was among the first 13 Dutch families which settled in the area in 1923 to enter dairy farming. Today there are more than 13,000 Dutch descendants living in the area.

# VFW, Auxiliary Install Leaders

Arthur Moore, the city's plumbing inspector, was installed as commander of the Torrance Post 3221 of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elizabeth Allen, as president of the VFW Auxiliary in combined ceremonies in Long Beach Saturday night.

A banquet for officers of the organizations held in Long Beach preceded the colorful installation pageantry at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

Thirty post commanders and 28 auxiliary presidents of the four districts were installed in office at the affair.

Guests of the Torrance contingent which attended the ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. George Powell. Powell is the assistant director of Civil Defense for Torrance and the outgoing governor of the Torrance Moose lodge.

Of all the women working in Canadian factories since World War II, more than 36 per cent are engaged in the various textile industries.

baby-sitters for tonight so that you can go to the PTA meeting at Torrance Elementary School. There will be a short business meeting starting at 7:30 p. m. and then open house and work demonstrations in all the rooms, as this is Public Schools Week. Here is your chance to see what little Johnny or Susie has been doing. See you there!

A visit to grandma's has been an occasion to look forward to since time started and family life meant anything, so it wasn't unusual that Joe (Jojo) and Jannie Porras of Santa Fe St. were overjoyed when they got to spend Easter week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Porras of Pasadena. In fact, they had such a good time that they didn't get back until Monday night. All Jojo had to say was "It was fun" and flash that infectious smile of his.

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# Hi-Lites Of Seaside Heights

By GRAYCE RYCKMAN FRONTIER 5-2410

Vandalism . . . definition: willful destruction of anything beautiful . . . vandalism, an ugly word descriptive of an ugly person's action . . . The beauty destroyed this time that has so many of us here in the Heights all piled up is the interior of the home at 5339 Bine-dewald. Some person or persons sneaked into his home and willfully and maliciously smeared ink over every beautifully painted wall, and ripped all the shades and the shower curtain to ribbons with a knife or razor. Could it be a grownup? . . . Or was it a child or children? . . . How can we become a closer unit in order to protect ourselves, and our neighbors from such acts? . . . How can these things be stopped???

Certainly enough Scout activities are offered to cover every age boy or girl from seven on up. And Scouts have an excellent record of good citizenship. Certainly the boys in Scout Troop 726 have far too much on their minds to find idle time for such acts of vandalism. Badges to earn, camping plans, and work, as on the recent cake sale, which was very successful. In fact all of the Scouts of 726 and Scoutmaster, Floyd Holstin would like to thank all of you who so generously gave or bought cakes during the sale. And an extra thank you goes to those parents who collected the cakes and organized the sales. Namely: Mothers Muldoon, Dellman, and Wilson. Sr. and Fathers Parent, Evans and Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Phillips of 5347 Bine-dewald Rd. gave a party April 10 for their son, Jimmy, who became nine years of age on that date. It was really a big party, having 11 guests. From the Ranchoes, Billy Steinwachs, Margaret McClune, Judy Theilman, and Gay Hurst, and from the Heights, Barbara Ledbetter, Steven and Eddie Graham, Robert Hutton, and Richard Nix. From another section of town came good friend Darryl Veazey. Unfortunately, the mumps kept Freddie Martin at home. Belated congratulations to you, Jimmy, from the rest of the Heights.

Our teenage piano player, Judy Yeltona of Zakon, is really in demand for the numerous functions of Torrance. She and her duet partner, Mickey Van Deventer, thrilled a group of 400 at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last week with several duo-piano selections. How proud can you get, Duke?

It is real nice to report that Agnes Wilshire of Zakon is getting around quite well again, if not quite as fast. As you probably know by now, she turned her ankle and fell April 10 on the steps of a friend's

home. She was in a wheel chair for about 10 days, but has improved considering the bad sprain involved.

It seems that the measles are hitting some of our small fry pretty hard. Always considered one of the lesser evils, the case of Susan Slover on Bine-dewald was very serious, and she had to remain in bed for over a week. Sorry Sory . . . The same is true of Buzz Gravin of Macaifee. His temperature soared for several days and he was very ill. Incidentally, his mother, Peggy Gravin, was unable to attend the last Cub Scout 726-C meet because of Buzz's measles, and it is the first meeting she has missed since Win Gravin became Cub Scoutmaster.

Then from the measles to the mumps. Jackie Gaida and Terry O'Melia, both of Vanderhill, are the most recent victims. By the way, we hear that the O'Melias are going to move in the next month or two. Surely hate to see you go, Bob and Jerry.

Back home to 5125 Zakon is a very happy Jim Clark. He has been away for over three months, first in Newark, N. J. learning the latest on the Remington-Rand equipment. Then he stopped in Chicago to help install some of the new equipment. Then home . . . sweet home . . . last Saturday at a joyous wife, Barbara, and their small son. It's good to see you around again, Jim.

Also back home again is Pete Jurisich. Gone nearly a week on company business, Pete this time flew to Alaska. He was welcomed by his family; wife, Jo, and sons Greg and Jackie, when his plane landed at Douglas. He brought the boys the cutest hats.

This little congratulatory message may seem out of place in this column to some of you.

# Northrop Co. Selects Man For New Team

Kenneth A. Buchanan has joined Northrop Aircraft, Inc., as an engineering drawing checker. It has been announced by Warren Kleriem, Northrop chief engineer.

Buchanan has been assigned to an engineering team working on a new, long-term design project at Northrop, producers of the F-89 Scorpion, newest all-weather interceptor of the U. S. Air Force.

Formerly with the Crosley Division of AVCO Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O., Mr. Buchanan is at present living at 603 Pine Dr. He is married and has six children. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Buchanan, also of Torrance.

# National Opens New Store in Saskatchewan

The National Supply Co., Ltd., has opened an oil well equipment and supply store at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, in order to offer better service to its customers in that area.

but hardly to those of us who have children in school. Congratulations are hereby extended to Walter and Betty Holloway of the Ranchoes on the arrival of a nine pound eight ounce baby boy, at the San Pedro Hospital on April 14—their first. Walter Holloway, if you happen not to know, is one of the custodians at our Seaside School and is very well liked by our offspring, their teachers and the parents who know him.

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# SEASIDE RANCHOS 'Potpourri'

RUTH HANOVER HELEN SCHMITZ Frontier 5-1410

House guests of Doris and Eddie Fay are Eddie's mother from Boston, and his little niece from New Hampshire.

Beautiful fashions were shown yesterday at the Palos Verdes Country Club when the Women's Auxiliary of the Hawthorne Community Hospital presented their Spring Fashion Palette. Following a lovely luncheon, this exciting collection from a Los Angeles store was oohed and aahed at by all present.

A warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merchant, who have recently moved into the former Frank Jenkins home on Carol Dr. They are busy performing miracles of deprating and landscaping, and the effect is most rewarding.

A double birthday party at the Youngs' on Reese Rd., celebrating the births of their two year old, and their four year old, with seeds of local small fry joining in the celebration.

A big venture for Pat Powell and her one year old son. They left Tuesday for San Francisco from where they will embark for Japan. There they will join Sam who is stationed at the Air Force point with the Air Force.

The Quin Johnsons out on the town last week-end, dining at Vivian Laird's and dancing to the music of Lawrence Welk whose return to popularity is so sensational. And the Bob Harlans are in the enviable position of having season tickets to the Civic Light Opera, and will be witnessing the Judy Garland show this week.

On new Reese Rd., Marilyn Shirreff's recovering after hospitalization. Duke Wanke, formerly of Linda Dr. and now residing in Rolling Hills, had minor surgery performed early this week.

Stork Stuff . . . Betty and week.

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